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Information circular*

To: Members of delegations and staff

From: The Under-Secretary-General for Management

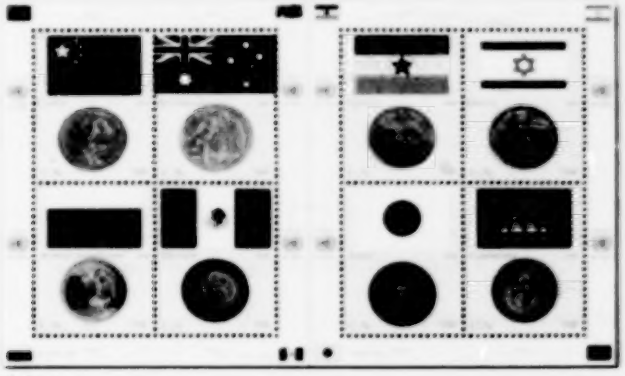
Subject: **First day of issue — 5 October 2006: "Coin and Flag" stamps series**

Commemorative stamps

1. The United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) is excited to announce the launching of its new "Coin and Flag" series. The series, which is expected to run for approximately eight years, will feature 24 Member States each year, until all 192 Member States have been represented. The first set of 24 commemorative stamps will be issued on 5 October 2006.

2. The Member States represented on the 2006 "Coin and Flag" stamp sheets are as follows: Afghanistan, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Cambodia, Denmark, Cape Verde, China, Gambia, Germany, Ghana, Haiti, Israel, Italy, Japan, Lebanon, Luxembourg, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Pakistan, Russian Federation, Switzerland and Uganda.

3. The three mini-sheet formats, consisting of two panes of four stamps, will each accommodate eight different coins and flags and will be issued in the denominations of 39¢, F.s. 0,85 and €0,55. (United States equivalents: F.s. 0,85: 70 cents and €0,55: 71 cents subject to exchange rate fluctuation.)



United States-denominated sheet

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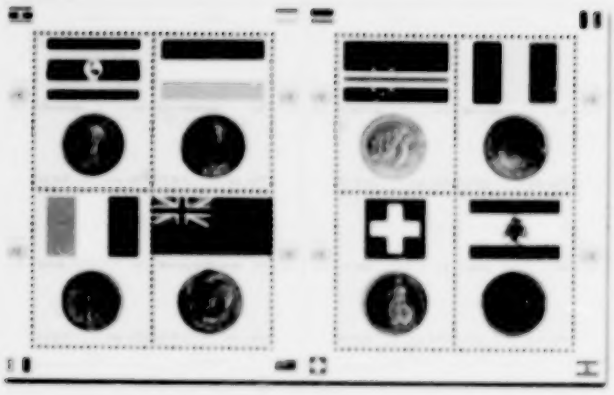
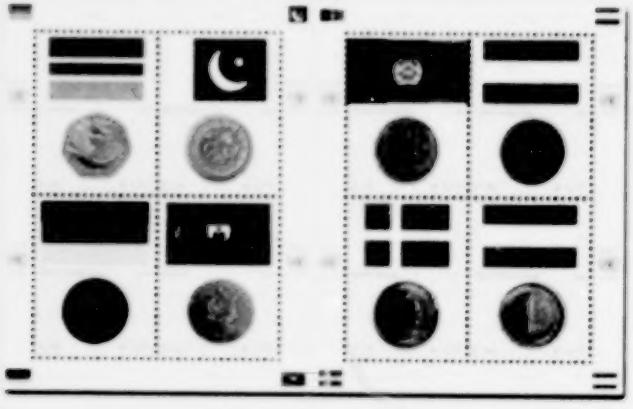


Swiss franc-denominated sheet



Euro-denominated sheet

4. For the first time since United Nations stamps began to be issued in 1951, UNPA will incorporate in them an ultraviolet luminescent mark, beginning with the first in the new series of United Nations coin and flag stamps that will be issued on 5 October 2006.

5. For the duration of the series, a special collection folder containing one mint single stamp of each of the coin and flag stamps issued each year will be available. The folder is in tri-fold format and will consist of six panes of stamps and mounts.

General information

6. For the convenience of collectors, UNPA at Headquarters will provide prepared and cancelled New York, Geneva and Vienna first-day covers on the UNPA official first-day cachets **only**. Members of delegations and the staff can obtain these items on Thursday, 5 October, at the following locations:

(a) The UNPA sales counter in the concourse of the General Assembly Building, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.;

(b) A temporary sales counter located on the east side of the Secretariat lobby, in front of the windows between the cafeteria and the news-stand, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

7. First day of issue cancellations can be obtained at a temporary United States Postal Service substation located outside the United Nations Bookshop in the concourse of the General Assembly Building, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

8. Information on United Nations stamps can be accessed on the Internet at http://unstamps.un.org.